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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants hereby make the following references of record in the above-identified patent application:

DS Smith (UK) Limited, World Wide Dispensers Brochure, 2001, available at http://www.dssmith-plastics.com/downloads/English_WD.pd f> (last visited October 23, 2003).

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An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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